GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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LIGNITE MINING
Bose Shri Subrata

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of lignite mined during the last three years and proposed to be mined Location-wise, State-wise, during the current year;

(b) whether lignite mining lease is given/proposed to be given to the private sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the firms given mining lease?

Answer

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(a): The details of quantum of lignite mined during the last three years are as follows:

Year (In Million Tonnes)

	Tamil Nadu	Rajasthan	Gujarat	Total
2005-06	20.435	0.687	8.944	30.07
2006-07	21.014	0.464	9.788	31.285
2007-08	21.555	0.597	11.699	33.861

The details of the state-wise current production capacity is given below:

S.No.	State	Production capacity (Mill. Tonnes per annum)
1.	Tamil Nadu	24.00
2.	Rajasthan	1.60
3.	Gujarat	9.45
	Total	35.05

(b) & (c): Under the provisions of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 read with the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, mining lease for lignite can be granted to a private sector company engaged in specified end uses such as power generation, steel manufacturing, cement production, coal gasification and coal liquefaction, for their captive use only.

The Central Government have given prior approval in respect of Kharsalia-I block allocated to M/s. Gujarat Heavy Chemicals Ltd. and Gurha East Lignite block allocated to M/s. Marudhar Power Private Ltd.